DETROIT TIGERS 1948 PLAYER ROSTER

SPRING TRAINING HEADQUARTERS

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SOME 1947 STATISTICS

FINAL STANDINGS OF A. L. CLUBS

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	97	57	.630	--
Detroit	85	69	.552	12
Boston	83	71	.539	14
Cleveland	80	74	.519	17
Philadelphia	78	76	.506	19
Chicago	70	84	.455	27
Washington	64	90	.416	33
St. Louis	59	95	.383	38

RECORD OF TIGERS AGAINST FOES

	Home			Away			Totals		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
New York	6	5	1	2	9	0	8	14	1
Boston	5	6	1	5	6	0	10	12	1
Philadelphia	7	4	0	4	7	0	11	11	0
Cleveland	7	4	1	7	4	1	14	8	2
Chicago	7	4	0	8	3	0	15	7	0
Washington	7	4	0	5	6	0	12	10	0
St. Louis	7	4	0	8	3	0	15	7	0
Totals	46	31	3	39	38	1	85	69	4

HOW PITCHERS FARED AGAINST CLUBS

	N. Y.		BOSTON		CLEVE.		PHIL.		CHIC.		WASH.		ST. LOUIS		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	TOTAL
Hutchinson	1	0	2	0	4	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	1	18 10
Overmire	1	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	0	11 5
Houtteman	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	7 2
Newhouser	2	4	3	2	2	2	2	0	3	3	1	4	4	2	17 17
Trout	1	3	0	3	1	3	2	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	10 11
Trucks	0	1	1	5	2	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	10 12
Benton	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	6 7
Gorsica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2 0
White	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	4 5
Totals	8	14	10	12	13	8	11	11	15	7	12	10	15	7	85 69

THE OUTLOOK FOR 1948

W. O. BRIGGS

Walter O. Briggs' decision to inaugurate night baseball in the stadium bearing his name, is the most important innovation on the Tiger program for 1948.

Starting June 15, the club will play each opponent two games under the arcs, in what the electrical engineers claim, will be the best illuminated sports arena in the world. With eight towers and 1,458 units, General Manager Billy Evans has complied with the instructions given him by Mr. Briggs to spare no expense in making certain that the fans of Detroit and Michigan have the finest lighting system obtainable.

Inasmuch as Detroit has drawn more than a million fans six times in recent years, and with the highly successful Twilight games growing in popularity each season, the club was not prompted by a desire to attract patrons, in its change of policy.

Mr. Briggs prefers daytime contests to those under the arcs and the stadium would probably have remained the only American League playing field without illumination, if the Tiger owner had not been convinced that there were thousands of persons in the Detroit area, who, because of their employment, were unable to attend the afternoon games.

CHANGE IN FARM SYSTEM

With the selection last Fall of Robert A. "Red" Rolfe, former star of the Yankee infield, as director of the Tigers' minor league clubs, several changes have been made in the Detroit Farm system.

Seattle, of the Pacific Coast League has been added to the chain giving the Tigers, along with Buffalo, two "AAA" connections. In place of Dallas, the club has added Little Rock, of the Southern Association, an "AA" organization. Williamsport of the Eastern League and Flint, Michigan, of the New Central League, will give Detroit two "A" affiliations. Hagerstown, of the Interstate League, a "B" club, Rome of the Canadian American League, a "C" club, and three "D" clubs, Jamestown, of the Pony League, Troy, of the Alabama State League, and Thomasville, of the Georgia-Florida League, complete the system. Williamsport, Flint, Troy and Thomasville are owned outright by the Detroit Baseball Company.

Although the 1948 player roster contains few names not listed on the 1947 card, the club is likely to present some new faces in the regular lineup this season. One change is certain—the replacement of First Baseman Roy Cullenbine, sold to the Phillies. Candidates for this position include Johnny McHale, who saw some service in this spot in 1947, George Vico, the colorful youngster who had a .307 batting average, after being farmed out to Portland, last Spring and Paul Campbell, a hustling prospect, purchased from the Louisville Club.

In spite of the club's efforts to strengthen the infield at second base, Eddie Mayo may be seen at the old stand in 1948. In 1946, he played but a third of the schedule because of an injured back, and he was troubled somewhat with this ailment last season. Taking part in 142 games, however, Eddie led the second basemen, in hitting, with an average of .289 and was third in fielding, with a .983 mark.

NINE OUTFIELD CANDIDATES

Manager O'Neill may give Eddie Lake a tryout at second base, in which case Johnny Lipon or Neil Berry would be afforded an opportunity to take over the shortstop position. Lake fielded acceptably but hit only .211, in 1947. Johnny Lipon, a Detroit boy, who, before entering the Navy in 1942, made a brief but auspicious appearance in the Tiger lineup, looks to be the most promising of the shortstop candidates. Suffering from a lame arm in 1946, Lipon made an impressive record with Dallas, in 1947, where he had a batting average of .295.

George Kell is a fixture at third base. One of the most popular of the Tiger players because of his aggressiveness, superb fielding and his ability to hit in the clutch, Kell was an inspiration to his teammates throughout the entire season.

There are nine candidates for the three outfield positions including Vic Wertz, "Hoot" Evers, Dick Wakefield and Pat Mullin of the 1947 lineup. Evers, who missed half of the club's play because of injuries in 1946, was similarly handicapped in 1947 as a result of being "beaned" by Pitcher Bob Moncrief, of the Browns, in a game at Briggs Stadium, June 29. Returning to the lineup after his recovery, "Hoot" gave a good account of himself in center field and finished as the club's second best hitter, with an average of .296.

BILLY EVANS

Victor Wertz, a rookie, who got into 102 games, in 1947, and became, as a result of his performance, one of the most popular Tiger players, is virtually certain of a place in the club's outfield. Vic finished the season with a .288 average and is regarded by Billy Evans as one of the most promising young players on the Tiger roster.

Dick Wakefield hit .283 in 1947, and Steve O'Neill is confident the big fellow will better that mark this season. If he does, he is likely to be patrolling left field again.

Pat Mullin, whose sensational hitting in the early weeks of the campaign put the club in first place for more than a month, slumped off from a better than .400 batting average to .256 at the season's close.

Of the rookie candidates, John Groth, who hit .319 for Williamsport and had 25 doubles, 10 home runs and 75 RBI's, is considered to have the best chance among the contenders for a regular outfield position.

Bob Swift and Hal Wagner, who took care of the catching assignment for the club last season, will be back again in 1947, with Harvey Riebe and Joe Erautt seeking tryouts at the Lakeland training camp.

TIGER FARM CLUBS

Robert A. Rolfe, Director Minor League Clubs

Club	Rating	League	Manager
Seattle	AAA	Pacific Coast	Joyner White
Buffalo	AAA	International	Paul Richards
Little Rock	AA	Southern Association	†
*Williamsport	A	Eastern	Gene Desautels
*Flint	A	Central	Jack Tighe
Hagerstown	B	Inter-State	Elmer F. Rambert
Rome	C	Can.-American	Clyde Smoll
Jamestown	D	Pony	Marvin Olson
*Troy	D	Alabama State	Robert Benish
*Thomasville	D	Georgia-Florida	†

*Owned outright.

†Manager not selected at time of going to press.

REVIEW OF 1947 SEASON

Detroit finished the 1947 season in identically the same spot that it occupied in the previous year, in second place, twelve games behind the league leaders.

From May 10 until June 14, the Tigers had undisputed possession of the top rung and enjoyed at one time a four-game advantage, when Pat Mullin was hitting at better than a .400 clip. Injuries, failure of the highly regarded pitching staff to come up to expectations and weak hitting which resulted in the club's losing ten out of an eleven-game series on the road, sent it down in the percentage column. Throughout the remainder of the season, it failed to gain the league lead, although it finished strongly in the closing weeks of the campaign.

In finishing second, the Tigers had no pitcher with 20 or more victories for the first time since 1942. Newhouser, who in the three preceding seasons had a record of 80 wins against 27 losses wound up with a .500 average with 17 wins and defeats. Trout, who had 17 and 13 in 1946, had 10 and 11 last year.

HUTCH LEADING HURLER

Among the Tiger pitchers who participated in 20 or more games, Freddy Hutchinson was tops, with 18 and 10. But for injuries in mid-season, which kept him out of the box for several weeks, Hutch might have lead the American League in victories.

Virgil Trucks, whose record in 1946, was 14 and 9, won 10 and lost 12 in 1947. Left-handed Stubby Overmire, however, showed improvement over the preceding season with 11 and 5.

Young Art Houtteman, brought up from Buffalo near the close of the season, performed sensationally with seven wins and only two defeats. His showing will probably mean that he will graduate to a regular starting position with the Tigers during the coming year.

Third baseman George Kell was easily the standout member of the club in 1947, both defensively and offensively. Among the American League Players in 100 or more games, Kell finished fifth with a batting average of .320 and 93 RBI's. He was the only Tiger regular to finish in the .300 class.

In accumulating its 85 victories as against 69 losses, Detroit in 1947, had an edge over four clubs: St. Louis, Washington, Chicago and Cleveland. Tying with Philadelphia, the Tigers won 10 and lost 12 with Boston and made the poorest showing against the Yankees,

who had a 14 to 8 advantage, in the season's play. The latter result was due largely to Detroit's performance in the Yankee Stadium. where it won only 2 games out of 12 played, with one a tie.

Inclement weather accounted for no fewer than 14 postponements and was responsible for reducing the attendance on several other occasions. Notwithstanding these conditions, the season's total of 1,398,093 was the second largest in the club's history.

TIGER SCOUTING STAFF

Aloysius J. "Wish" Egan—Chief

Bruce Connatser	Ned Pettigrew	Frank Putnam
Dan Crowley	Victor Sorrell	Howard Camp
Louis D'Annunzio	Walter Charlesworth	Curtis Hammerbeck
Bernard deViveiros	John Barkley, Jr.	Charles Jamerson
Lloyd Glaudi	Harlond Clift	George Moriarty
Edward Katalinas	Irving Jacobson	Carter Latimer
William Jessup	Ray Garland	Edwin Williams
William Pierre		

STARTING TIME OF GAMES AT BRIGGS STADIUM:

Single Games

Doubleheaders

Night Games

ADMISSION PRICES (Including Tax)

Box Seats	$2.00	General Admission	$1.20
Reserved	$1.50	Bleacher	$ .60

TIGER THUMBNAILS

MANAGER

STEPHEN FRANCIS O'NEILL

Steve is entering upon his sixth year as pilot of the Detroit club. During his leadership, the Tigers have finished no worse than second, in four out of five seasons. A member of a famous baseball family, O'Neill first joined the Detroit Baseball club, in 1941, as coach, under Del Baker. In 1942, he directed the Beaumont farm club to the top of the heap and returned to Detroit, as manager, the following year, when the Tigers wound up in fifth place. In '44 the club landed in the second spot, one game behind the St. Louis Browns. In '45 it won the pennant and the Series as well, against the Chicago Cubs. In '46 and '47 it was second, twelve games behind the championship club. Entering pro baseball, with the Elmira club, in 1910, Steve was with Cleveland, as catcher, from 1911 to 1923. In the seasons of '35, '36 and '37 he was manager for the Indians. O'Neill also piloted the Toronto, Toledo and Buffalo clubs. Following the season of 1944, he made the U.S.O. tour through the Southwest Pacific Theater. He was born in Minooka, Pa., July 6, 1891, and makes his home in Cleveland Heights.

COACHES

WILLIAM J. SWEENEY

First baseman for the Tigers in 1928, Sweeney returned to Detroit, as coach, in 1947, after 10 years as coach and manager of the Portland, Hollywood and Los Angeles Pacific Coast clubs. Bill was born in Cleveland, December 29, 1904. He entered pro baseball with the Wichita, Western League club, in 1925. He was later with Toronto, the Red Sox, Toledo, Syracuse and Baltimore. He is married and lives in Cleveland.

ARTHUR G. MILLS

Mills joined the Tiger club coaching staff in 1944. He entered pro baseball, in 1924, as a pitcher for the Pittsfield Eastern League club. Later he was with the Boston Braves, Rochester, Buffalo and Williamsport. His home is in Utica, N. Y., where he was born on March 3, 1904.

PITCHERS

ALTON BENTON

Six feet four inches in height, Al won 6 and lost 7 for the Tigers last season. The year previous his record was 11 and 7. He has been a Tiger since 1938. Before that he served with the Lincoln, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia American, Williamsport, Albany, Chattanooga, Memphis and Toledo Clubs. In 1945 he began the season with 11 victories, 2 losses and an exceptionally low earned run average until a broken ankle caused his removal from the game. When he returned he found his effectiveness lessened and he finished the season with a record of 13 wins and 8 defeats. Benton was honorably discharged from the Navy in May, 1944. His home is in Oklahoma City.

RUFFUS GENTRY

With Dallas last season, Gentry had 12 and 9. After playing with Beaumont and Buffalo, he was given a tryout with Detroit in 1943. He went back to Buffalo in 1944. Recalled by the Tigers during the same season, he won 14 games and lost 12. He was a holdout in 1945. In '46 Ruffus won 10 and lost 8 for Buffalo. He was born in Forsythe County, N. C., May 18, 1918.

THEODORE G. GRAY

Ted, a left-hander, was born in Highland Park, a Detroit suburb, on August 21, 1924. With Buffalo last season, his record was 12 and 7. Because of this performance, he will be given an opportunity to be a Tiger regular in 1948, by Manager O'Neill, who thinks he has a great future. Gray joined the club, in 1941, and was with Winston-Salem and Beaumont before joining the Navy. As a pitcher for the service team and with Buffalo in '46 and '47, he made a record as a strikeout artist.

ARTHUR J. HOUTTEMAN

A Detroit boy, born July 7, 1927, Art made one of the best showings of any of the 1947 rookies, with a record of 7 and 2, and an earned-run average of 1.86, after having been brought up late in the season, from Buffalo. There he had a record of 3 and 1, being absent from the Bisons' lineup for a good part of the early season, because of illness. Houtteman seems certain to be a regular

starter in 1948, and Manager O'Neill believes he will be a standout performer. In 1946, he led the International League pitchers in strikeouts, as a member of the Buffalo club, and had a record of 16 wins and 13 losses.

FRED HUTCHINSON

Despite injuries which kept him out of the game for several weeks, Freddy was the Tigers' top pitcher in 1947, with 18 victories and 10 losses. It was "Hutch's" best season, since joining the Tigers in 1939, following his sensational performance for the Seattle club the year before, when he had a record of 25 wins against 7 defeats. In May, of last season, Hutchinson injured his shoulder and appeared in but one game after that until July 18, when he achieved fame by keeping the New York Yankees from breaking the American League record for consecutive victories with superb 2-hit pitching. On that occasion, a Twilight game, only 28 batters faced him, only 6 balls went to the outfield, one of the 2 hits was a scratch, and the pitcher did not issue a pass. Born in Seattle, August 12, 1919, Fred was acquired by the Detroit baseball club in exchange for a large amount of cash and four players. He made a poor showing in his early performances with the Tigers, in 1939, and he was sent to Buffalo, where, in 1941, he made it appear that the Tigers' investment would pay off when he led the International League in victories, with 26 wins and only 7 losses. Fred joined the Navy in Seattle in October 1941. Rejoining the Tigers in 1946 after his discharge from the Navy, he gave a good account of himself with a record of 14 and 11. "Hutch" attended Washington University, is married, and lives in his birthplace, Seattle, during the off season.

LOUIS KRETLOW

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Kretlow became a Tiger in 1945, after winning 48 and losing 16 games for the Enid, Okla., Army Airfield club. He won 10 games for Williamsport, in 1946, and made a good impression in winning a game for the Tigers at the season's close. With Buffalo in 1947, Louis appeared in 18 games, and is credited with 2 wins, 7 losses and an earned-run average of 7.01. Kretlow was born in Apache, Okla., June 27, 1923. His home is Edmond, Oklahoma.

HAROLD NEWHOUSER

Hal's .500 percentage, in 1947, after several highly successful seasons, was one of the prime factors in the Tigers' failure to win the championship. In the preceding three years, he had a record of 80 wins against only 27 defeats. In 1944 and '45, he led the league in strikeouts and on both occasions was voted the league's most valuable player. Against the National League selections, in 1946, Newhouser performed brilliantly in the All-Star game at Boston, allowing but one hit in three innings. In the '47 game at Chicago, he duplicated this performance. Born in Detroit, where he still resides, May 20, 1921, he attended Wilbur Wright Prep School and displayed unusual ability there and in the American Legion pitching circles. Signed by scout "Wish" Egan, he was with Alexandria and Beaumont in 1939, finishing the season with the Detroit Club. Until 1944, he was handicapped by lack of control. Hal was chosen for All-Star honors in the seasons of '42, '43, '44, '46 and '47. He was also credited with two victories in the 1945 World Series.

FRANK OVERMIRE

"Stubby," one of the quartette of left-hand pitchers on the roster, had his best season since joining the Tigers, with 11 victories and 5 defeats to his credit. He came to the club after serving an apprenticeship with the Muskegon and Beaumont farm clubs, in 1941 and '42. In '41 he had a record of 12 and 4, with Muskegon. His pitching average during the seasons of '43, '44 and '45 was around the .500 mark. In '46 he had 5 and 7. Overmire was born in Moline, Michigan, May 16, 1919. His home is in Grand Rapids.

WALTER "BILLY" PIERCE

This slender young left-hander is likely to be given an opportunity to become a regular this season after his 14 and 8 performance for Buffalo in 1947. Billy was born in Highland Park, Michigan, April 2, 1927. He played sandlot ball in and around Detroit and was signed by the Tigers after his creditable showing in the Esquire East-West Boys' Game, at New York, in 1944. On his return from service, Billy went to Buffalo in 1946, where he had a record of 3 and 4.

PAUL H. TROUT

"Dizzy's" performance of 10 and 11, in 1947, was a disappointment to Tiger supporters and for the first season since he has pitched for Detroit, his percentage fell below the .500 mark. For several weeks during 1947, Trout suffered from injuries, and his record was, in part, due to this condition. "Dizzy" is one of the hardest-working pitchers in baseball. He was credited with 17 wins and 13 defeats and an earned-run average of 2.35 for 1946. In 1944 Trout won 27 and lost 14. In '45 his record was 18 and 15, but in this season he was handicapped by an injury to his back, suffered in mid-year. One of the club's four victories against the Cubs in 1945 was credited to him. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, June 29, 1915, Trout joined the Tigers in 1939. Previously he was with the Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Toledo and Beaumont clubs. Like Newhouser, "Diz" was handicapped by lack of control in his early seasons with Detroit, but overcame the weakness in 1943, when he won 20 games. Trout makes his home in Detroit.

VIRGIL O. TRUCKS

After having a record of 14 wins and 9 losses the season before, Trucks won 10 and lost 12 for an earned-run average of 4.52, in 1947. Virgil joined the club in 1941. Previously he had won some fame, by establishing the Alabama-Florida League record for strikeouts, while with Andalusia, in 1938, and by pitching a no-hit game which he lost to Montreal in '41. In 1943, he won 16 and lost 10 for Detroit. After being granted a medical discharge from the Navy, in September 1945. Virgil rejoined the Tigers in time to defeat the Cubs, in the second game of the World Series. Trucks was born in Birmingham, Alabama, April 26, 1919, and makes his home there.

HAROLD G. WHITE

Hal, who saw little action in 1946 because of a sore arm, had a record of 4 and 5 for the Detroit club last year. He was born in Utica, N. Y., March 18, 1918, and entered the pro ranks with the Rome club of the Canadian-American League in 1938. He was with Wilkes-Barre in 1939, and with Buffalo, in 1940 and 1941. In the former year, he won 16 and lost 4 for the Bisons. Before entering the Navy in 1942, he had 12 wins and a like number of defeats for the Tigers. His home is in Utica.

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1948 TIGERS

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Name and Position	Date of Birth and Place	Ht.	Wt.	Bts.	Thrs.	Club 1947	W.	L.	E.R.A.
PITCHERS									
BENTON, ALTON	3/18/11, Noble, Okla.	6' 4"	215	R	R	Detroit	6	7	4.40
GENTRY, RUFFUS J.	5/18/18, Forsythe Cty., N.C.	6' 1"	185	R	R	Dallas Detroit	12 0	9 0	3.40
GRAY, THEODORE	12/31/24, Detroit	5'11"	160	R	L	Buffalo	11	7	3.42
HOUTTEMAN, ARTHUR J.	8/7/27, Detroit	6' 1"	183	R	R	Detroit Buffalo	7 3	2 1	3.41 1.86
HUTCHINSON, FRED	8/12/19, Seattle	6' 2"	200	L	R	Detroit	18	10	3.03
KRETLOW, LOUIS A.	6/27/23, Apache, Okla.	6' 2"	175	R	R	Buffalo	2	7	7.01
NEWHOUSER, HAROLD	5/20/21, Detroit	6' 1¾"	182	L	L	Detroit	17	17	2.87
OVERMIRE, FRANK	5/16/19, Moline, Mich.	5' 7"	162	R	L	Detroit	11	5	3.77
PIERCE, WALTER W.	4/2/27, Detroit	5' 9½"	142	L	L	Buffalo	14	8	3.87
TROUT, PAUL H.	6/29/15, Terre Haute, Ind.	6' 1"	200	R	R	Detroit	10	11	3.45
TRUCKS, VIRGIL O.	4/26/19, Birmingham, Ala.	5' 11"	195	R	R	Detroit	10	12	4.52
WHITE, HAROLD G.	3/18/19, Utica, New York	5' 10"	169	R	R	Detroit	4	5	3.60

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CATCHERS							
ERAUTT, JOSEPH M.	9/1/21, Vibank, Sask.	5' 9"	170	R	R	Birmingham	.275
RIEBE, HARVEY D.	10/10/21, Cleveland	5' 9½"	172	R	R	Memphis	.287
SWIFT, ROBERT	3/6/16, Salina, Kan.	5'11"	185	R	R	Detroit	.251
WAGNER, HAROLD E.	7/2/15, Riverton, N. J.	6'	165	L	R	Boston-Detroit	.273

INFIELDERS

BERO, JOHN	12/22/22, Gary, W. Va.	6'	170	L	R	Buffalo	.226
BERRY, CORNELIUS	1/11/22, Kalamazoo	5'10"	160	R	R	Buffalo	.299
CAMPBELL, PAUL M.	9/1/17, Paw Creek, N. C.	5'10"	185	L	L	Louisville	.304
DAUGHERTY, HAROLD	10/12/27, Paris, Pa.	6'	185	R	R	------	---
KELL, GEORGE	8/23/22, Swifton, Ark.	5' 9½"	170	R	R	Detroit	.320
LAKE, EDWARD E.	3/18/17, Antioch, Cal.	5' 7½"	161	R	R	Detroit	.211
LIPON, JOHN J.	11/10/22, Martins Ferry, O.	6'	165	R	R	Dallas	.295
MAYO, EDWARD J.	4/15/13, Holyoke, Mass.	5'11"	180	L	R	Detroit	.279
McHALE, JOHN J.	9/21/21, Detroit	6' 3"	200	L	R	Detroit	.211
VICO, GEORGE	8/9/24, San Fernando, Cal.	6' 3"	200	L	R	Portland	.307

OUTFIELDERS

CRAMER, ROGER M.	7/22/05, Beach Haven, N.J.	6' 2"	185	L	R	Detroit	.268
CREEL, JOHN R.	4/26/25, Dallas	6'	165	L	R	Dallas	.282
EVERS, WALTER A.	2/8/21, St. Louis	6' 2"	180	R	R	Detroit	.296
GROTH, JOHN T.	7/23/26, Chicago	6'	182	R	R	Wmspt. Detroit	.319 .250
MIERKOWICZ, EDW. F.	3/6/24, Wyandotte, Mich.	6' 3"	205	R	R	Detroit	.190
MULLIN, PATRICK J.	11/1/17, Trotter, Pa.	6' 2"	178	L	R	Detroit	.256
OUTLAW, JAMES P.	1/20/13, Orme, Tenn.	5' 8"	165	R	R	Detroit	.228
WAKEFIELD, RICHARD	5/6/21, Chicago	6' 3"	190	L	R	Detroit	.283
WERTZ, VICTOR W.	2/9/25, York, Pa.	6'	186	L	R	Detroit	.288

ARTHUR MILLS, Coach

WILLIAM J. SWEENEY, Coach

JACK HOMEL, Trainer

CATCHERS

JOSEPH H. ERAUTT

The only player on the Tiger roster not a native of the U. S., Joe was born in Vibank, Saskatchewan, September 1, 1921. After playing semi-pro ball on the coast, he signed a Detroit contract in 1940, and gained experience with Detroit chain clubs before entering the service in 1942. Upon his discharge, in 1946, he played with Toronto and Buffalo and had a tryout at the Lakeland training camp last Spring. Optioned out to Birmingham, he had a .275 batting average in 109 games. His home is in Portland, Oregon. Erautt is a former hockey player and is a brother of Pitcher Ed Erautt of the Cincinnati Reds.

HARVEY D. RIEBE

Harvey's name first appeared on a Tiger roster in 1946, although he signed a Detroit contract in 1939, after playing sandlot ball in Cleveland, where he was born on October 10, 1921. Previous to entering the service in 1942, he played with Alexandria, Muskegon, Winston-Salem and Beaumont. He was with Buffalo and Dallas in '46, and before being optioned out to Memphis in '47, he played a few games with the Tigers. With Memphis, he hit for a .287 mark. Riebe lives in Cleveland.

ROBERT V. SWIFT

Bob became a Tiger regular at the close of the '43 season, as a result of a player trade with the Athletics. Born in Salina, Kansas, March 6, 1916, he began his baseball career with the Muskogee club, in 1934, went to the Browns after two years with San Antonio, and then to Connie Mack's club, in exchange for another catcher, Frank Hayes. In the four seasons that he has been with Detroit, his hitting has ranged from .192 to .255. He was in 97 games, in 1947, sharing the regular backstop position, first, with Tebbetts and then with Hal Wagner, for whom "Birdie" was traded. Swift is married, is a clothing salesman in the off-season and makes his home in Detroit.

HAROLD E. WAGNER

Traded to the Tigers for catcher "Birdie" Tebbetts May 20, 1947, Hal wound up with a .273 batting average. He was born in Riverton, N. J., on July 2, 1915. After attending Duke University, where he was coached by Jack Coombs, he joined the Philadelphia

A's, in 1937. Hal saw service with three minor league clubs before he was brought back as a regular in 1939. Traded to the Boston Americans, in 1944, he shortly afterwards joined the Army. Returning to the Red Sox, in 1946, he participated in the All-Star and World Series games in that season.

INFIELDERS

JOHN G. BERO

A resident of Flint, Michigan, Bero played on the sandlots there and also at Western Michigan College at Kalamazoo before joining Buffalo, in 1943. Upon his return from service in 1946, he rejoined the Bisons, playing second base in 134 games and driving in 60 runs. In 1947, with the same club, his mark was .226, with 20 doubles, 10 home runs and 49 RBI's. Johnny also led the International League second basemen in fielding. Bero was born in Gary, West Virginia on December 22, 1922.

CORNELIUS BERRY

Another Michigan product, Neil will be competing with Eddie Lake and Johnny Lipon for the position at short. A capable fielder, Berry, like Bero, played for Western Michigan College in his home town of Kalamazoo. He was with Winston-Salem in 1942, before going into service. In 1946 and 1947 he was with Buffalo, where, in the latter season, he hit for .299 and batted in 50 runs. He was born Jan. 11, 1922.

PAUL M. CAMPBELL

A candidate for the first base spot left vacant by the sale of Roy Cullenbine to the Phillies, Paul was purchased from the Louisville club, where, in 152 games, last season, he hit for a .304 mark, had 24 doubles, 14 triples, 6 home runs and 71 RBI's. An aggressive fielder, Campbell was born in Paw Creek, N. C., September 1, 1917. He began his pro career with the Danville, Va., club in 1936; was with Rocky Mount, of the Piedmont league and Little Rock, before playing with Louisville, in '39 and '40. After a stay

with Montreal, in 1942, he was recalled by the Red Sox. He saw service in the Army Air Force, for the next three years, and then returned to Boston which farmed him out to Louisville again. Paul attended the Paw Creek High School and Brevard Junior College. He is married and lives in Louisville.

HAROLD DAUGHERTY

One of three new players on the Tiger roster, this year, Daugherty was signed to a Detroit contract although he has had no professional experience. Born in Paris, Pa., October 12, 1927, Harold was an outstanding athlete in the Weirton, West Virginia high school and at Ohio State University where he starred on the '45 Varsity football team. Inducted into the Army, Daugherty, whose nickname is "Doc," was also a standout on the service clubs in both baseball and basketball at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and at Fort George Meade. Sought by several major league clubs, the young shortstop, in the opinion of "Red" Rolfe, Tiger minor league club head, is a most promising rookie, although he will probably require a few years' seasoning with the farm clubs. Daugherty's home is in Weirton.

GEORGE KELL

The outstanding member of the 1947 club, and in the opinion of many, the game's most accomplished third baseman. Kell's .320 batting average last season, put him among the league's leading batsmen. George came to the Tigers, in May, 1946, in a trade with the Athletics for Barney McCosky. Born in Swifton, Arkansas, August 23, 1922, Kell attended the Arkansas State College, played Legion baseball and entered the professional ranks with the Newport club, in 1940. With the Lancaster club, from which organization he was purchased by Connie Mack, Kell led all minor league players in batting, in the 1943 season, with a .396 mark. In 1944 he joined the Athletics and remained with Connie Mack until his acquisition by Detroit. In 1945-46, George led the league's third basemen in fielding, handling 551 chances with but 20 errors in the first named season, and 408 chances with but seven misplays in the second. Chosen for All-Star play in the last two seasons, Kell was also among the top men in the voting for most valuable player in 1947. He makes his home in Swifton.

EDWARD E. LAKE

Traded to the Tigers by the Red Sox, for First Baseman Rudy York, Eddie donned a Tiger uniform in 1946. He has been in organized baseball since 1937 and has played in both major leagues. Possessed of a great throwing arm, Lake led the American League shortstops in '45 in assists and double plays. In 1946, his first year with the Tigers, his batting average was .254, but his mark last season was considerably below that figure. In spite of this, he had 19 two-base hits, 6 triples and 12 home runs. Manager O'Neill is planning on giving him a tryout at second base this year. Eddie was born in Antioch, Calif., March 18, 1917, and lives in Oakland, Calif.

JOHN J. LIPON

A Detroit boy who, in making his first appearance in 1942 before a large Sunday home audience, fielded sensationally in the field and got three hits out of four times up, Johnny is a likely contender for the shortstop position this year. Lipon served an apprenticeship with the Tiger farm clubs of Muskegon and Beaumont. With the former he hit .359 and had 35 home runs to his credit 1941. On his return from service in 1946, he displayed little of his previous form because of an ailing arm. With Dallas last season, however, he seemed to have recovered completely, and in addition to fielding his position capably, he hit for a .295 average and had 31 doubles, 5 triples and 11 home runs. Johnny was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio, November 10, 1922, and makes his home in Detroit.

EDWARD J. MAYO

Eddie has been in organized baseball since 1932 and a Tiger since 1944. Of Polish extraction, he has played in both major leagues, having worn the uniforms of the Giants, Braves and Athletics before being drafted by the Tigers from Louisville, in 1944. He was a vital factor in the winning of the 1945 pennant, but played only a third of the 1946 schedule because of a lame back. Last season he got into 142 games and his batting average of .279 was tops for the league's second basemen. His fielding mark also put him among the leaders. There is a possibility that Eddie Lake may take over the job after a tryout at Lakeland. Mayo, who is popular with Tiger fans, was born in Holyoke, Mass., April 15, 1913.

JOHN J. McHALE

A local boy who attended Catholic Central High School in Detroit and later Notre Dame University, John got his start with Beaumont in 1941. He substituted for Roy Cullenbine at first last season and hit .211. Played with the Tiger farm club of Muskegon in 1941, and with Winston-Salem in 1942 before joining the Naval Air Force. After his discharge, he hit .313 for Buffalo in 1945. The following year his mark with the Bisons was .273, but he had 25 homers and 94 RBI's. He will be contesting for the first base position this year with Paul Campbell and George Vico. McHale was born in Detroit, September 21, 1921, and makes his home here.

GEORGE VICO

One of the tallest members of the Tiger squad, George is a colorful, graceful performer around first base, who hit .307 for Portland last season, after getting away to a slow start. Born in San Fernando, California, August 9, 1924, Vico lives in Torrance, California. Before entering the Navy, in 1942, he was with Fulton and Winston-Salem. After participating in 48 games for Portland in 1946, the six-foot three youngster was given a tryout at Lakeland, but was sent back to Portland, for further seasoning. In 132 games, he knocked in 64 runs, had 28 doubles, 7 triples and 9 home runs.

OUTFIELDERS

ROGER CRAMER

Beginning his 20th year as an American League player, "Doc" will double in brass, this season, as player-coach for the Tigers, Cramer started in baseball, in 1929, with the Martinsburg club, of the B. R. League. He joined the Athletics the same year and remained with them until traded to the Red Sox, in 1936. After five years with Boston, he went with the Washington club, which traded him to Detroit, at the end of the '41 season. He is the holder of several American League batting records, appeared in World Series games twice and All-Star contests on three occasions. "Doc" was born in Beach Haven, N. J., July 22, 1906. He lives in Manahawkin, New Jersey.

JOHN "BOB" CREEL

One of the new names on the Tiger roster this year, Creel was drafted from the Dallas club, on recommendation of "Red"

Rolfe, new head of the Tiger minor league clubs. With Montgomery, in the Southeastern league, in 1946, his first season in organized ball, Johnny hit .327 in 134 games. As a member of the Dallas club in 1947, he was in 139 games and had 21 doubles, 7 triples, 4 home runs and 61 RBI's for an average of .282. He was born in Dallas, April 26, 1925, and still resides there. He is married and in the off-season is an auto salesman.

WALTER A. EVERS

"Hoot," graduate of the University of Illinois, where he starred in baseball, basketball and track, is the "hard-luck" member of the Tiger squad. Twice, during the 1946 season, he was compelled to leave the line-up because of injuries and in June, of last year, he was incapacitated again, when hit on the head, by a ball thrown by Bob Muncrief, of the Browns. On his return to the club, his performance improved, and in 129 games during the season, he hit for a .296 average with 24 doubles, 5 triples, 10 home runs and 67 RBI's. "Hoot" seems certain of a place in the 1948 outfield. He was born in St. Louis, February 8, 1921, is married and makes his home in Detroit. Before joining the Tigers, he starred on the Detroit farm clubs of Winston-Salem and Beaumont. He was in service from 1943 until 1946.

JOHN T. GROTH

Signed to a Detroit contract on the recommendation of "Pinky" Higgins, August 6, 1946, on whose Great Lakes Naval Training Station team he played, Groth is considered by Manager O'Neill to be one of the most likely outfield recruits on the 1948 squad. Born in Chicago, July 23, 1926, Groth starred in basketball and football in parochial school circles, in that city. With Williamsport last season. Johnny was among the Eastern League's top batsmen, with an average of .319. He also had 26 doubles, 14 triples, 10 home runs and 78 RBI's. He lives in Chicago.

EDWARD F. MIERKOWICZ

"Big Ed" was born in Wyandotte, near Detroit, March 6, 1921. He played sandlot baseball before joining the Detroit club, was with Hagerstown in 1944, and with Buffalo in '45 and '46. He hit 21 homers in the season of 1945, but saw limited service with the Tigers last season, batting .190 in 21 games. He lives in Wyandotte.

PATRICK J. MULLIN

The leading factor in the Tigers' thirty-six day occupancy of first place, in the early weeks of the 1947 season, when he was hitting better than .400, Pat slumped off to .256 at the close. Born in Trotter, Pa., November 1, 1917, Mullin played American Legion and semi-pro ball in his home state, and was a member of the Lake Charles club, in 1937 before joining the Tigers. Pat was signed by Scout "Wish" Egan, while a member of the Flint, Michigan, club. He went to Lakeland in 1941, was sent to Buffalo, and was recalled to the Tigers in May, 1941, when Greenberg entered the Army. While playing for the Tigers, in July 1941, he suffered an injury to his right shoulder in a collision with Pitcher Bill Dietrich, of the White Sox, which put him out of the game for the remainder of the season. Although it was feared that his playing career was at an end, Pat appeared to have recovered from the accident on his return from the Army. When Cullenbine went to first base, in 1947, Manager O'Neill sent Mullin to fill Roy's place in right field. In the early part of the season, he gave an exhibition of slugging not witnessed in baseball in many years.

JAMES P. OUTLAW

Jimmy is another Tiger who has played in both major leagues, since beginning his career in 1934. He joined the Detroit club in 1943 after four seasons with Buffalo, where he performed both in the infield and outfield. Since the arrival of George Kell, he has seen little service at third base, but as a utility outfielder and infielder, he managed to get into 70 games in all last season and had a batting average of .228. Jimmy was born in Orme, Tenn., January 20, 1913. His home is in Jackson, Ala.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

Wakefield was signed to a Detroit contract in 1941, after receiving a bonus of $52,000. A member of Steve O'Neill's star Beaumont team, in 1942, Dick hit .354 and showed great promise as an outfielder. Returning to Detroit in mid-season of 1944, after having been released from the Naval V-12 program, he so sparked the club that it went from next to last place, in the percentage col-

umn, to within one game of the pennant. In 1947, Wakefield appeared in 112 games, had 15 doubles, 8 triples, 4 home runs, 51 RBI's, for an average of .283. He was born in Chicago, May 6, 1921.

VICTOR W. WERTZ

Vic is one of the rookies whose playing in 102 games, in 1947 undoubtedly assures him of a regular berth this season. Twenty-three years old, he became a Tiger in 1943 after having been scouted in an American Legion game, in Reading, Pa. Before entering the service, he was with Winston-Salem and Buffalo. With the latter in '46, he hit .301, had 19 homers, 27 doubles, 9 triples and 91 RBI's. Vic is married and lives in Manchester, Pa.

YANKEES BEST ATTRACTION

The New York Yankees drew the biggest gate at Briggs Stadium last season, with Boston second and Washington last. Seven Twilight games, one with each visiting club, attracted 173,246.

The figures:

New York	276,744	Chicago	194,644
Boston	238,753	Philadelphia	186,589
St. Louis	201,490	Washington	101,922
Cleveland	197,951		
		Total	1,398,093

6,000 FULL MOONS

Briggs Stadium's lighting system now being installed by the Brooker Engineering Company, of Detroit, with General Electric Equipment, represents an investment of approximately $400,000. With eight towers and 1458 lighting units of 2,750,000 watts, it will provide illumination, according to G. E. engineers, equal to that supplied by 6,000 full moons.

DETROIT GROUND RULES

Foul poles are outside of playing field.

Foul lines on facing of grandstand are inside of park.

Photographers' dugout is part of home players' bench.

Flag pole in center field is inside the ball park.

Ball striking base of flag pole and bounding into stands: Two Bases.

Ball striking flag pole above the base and bounding into stands: Home Run.

Ball striking foul line in either right or left field below railing at top of wire netting and bounding into stands on foul territory: Two Bases.

Ball striking railing or any object higher in fair territory in either right or left field, whether or not it bounds back on to playing field: Home Run.

Ball going through or sticking in screen on fair ground: Two Bases.

With no spectators in the new field boxes in left and right field, the bull pen benches will be in their proper places. Whenever it becomes necessary to place spectators in these field boxes, the bull pen benches will not be occupied and pitchers will warm up under the stands in center field.

LARGEST AND SMALLEST

Briggs Stadium's biggest paid crowd in 1947, turned out Sunday, July 20, to view a doubleheader with the New York Yankees.

The figure—58,369—established an all time high for baseball attendance in Detroit.

The season's smallest crowd (3,737) was present on May 29, with the Cleveland Indians as foes. The temperature on this occasion registered 45 degrees and the wind velocity 26 miles per hour.

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!

Tickets for the opening game at Briggs Stadium are dated FRIDAY, APRIL 23 and in the event of a postponement, because of weather conditions, must be exchanged for some other game during the season.

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For press photographers and others who prefer the single sheet roster, cardboard copies are available and will be forwarded upon request.

—E. T. F.

TIGERS 1948 GAMES

GAMES AT HOME

APRIL

23, 24, 25* ..... Cleveland
29, 30 ..... Chicago

MAY

14, 15, 16* ..... St. Louis
18, 19 ..... Boston
20, 21, 22 ..... Philadelphia
23*, 24 ..... Washington
25, 26 ..... New York
31*, 31* ..... Chicago

JUNE

(15), 16,17 ..... Philadelphia
(18), 19, 20* ..... Boston
21, (22), 23, 24 ..... Washington
(25), 26, 27* ..... New York
29, (30), July 1 ..... Cleveland

JULY

(7), 8 ..... St. Louis
(9), 10, 11* ..... Chicago
(27), 28, 29 ..... Boston
(30), 31, Aug. 1* ..... Philadelphia

AUGUST

(3), 4, 5 ..... New York
(6), 7, 8* ..... Washington
(9), 10 ..... Cleveland
(17), 18 ..... Chicago
(20), 21, 22* ..... St. Louis

SEPTEMBER

11, 12* ..... Chicago
14, 15 ..... Washington
16, 17, 18 ..... New York
19*, 20, 21 ..... Boston
22, 23 ..... Philadelphia
24, 25, 26* ..... Cleveland
28, 29, 30 ..... St. Louis

*Sundays and Holidays
( ) Night Games

GAMES ABROAD

APRIL

20, 21, 22 ..... Chicago
26, 27, 28 ..... St. Louis

MAY

1, 2* ..... Cleveland
4, 5, 6 ..... Boston
7, 8 ..... New York
9*, 9* ..... Philadelphia
(11), (12), 13 ..... Washington
(28), 29, 30* ..... St. Louis

JUNE

2, 3, (4) ..... New York
5, 6*, 6* ..... Boston
(8), (9), 10 ..... Philadelphia
(11), 12, 13* ..... Washington

JULY

(2), 3, 4*, 4* ..... Chicago
5*, 5*, (6) ..... Cleveland
(15), 16, 17 ..... Boston
18*, 18*, (19), 20 ..... New York
21, 22, 23 ..... Washington
24, 25*, 25* ..... Philadelphia

AUGUST

(11) ..... Chicago
(13), (14), 15* ..... St. Louis
(24), 25, 26 ..... Philadelphia
27, 28 ..... Washington
29*, 30 ..... New York
(31), Sept. 1 ..... Boston

SEPTEMBER

(3), 4, 5* ..... Chicago
6*, 6* ..... St. Louis
(8), (9), 10 ..... Cleveland

OCTOBER

1, 2, 3* ..... Cleveland

*Sundays and Holidays
( ) Night Games

TIGER HOTELS

DURING SEASON

New York	New Yorker
Boston	Kenmore
Washington	Shoreham
Philadelphia	Warwick
Chicago	Del Prado
Cleveland	Statler
St. Louis	Chase

DURING TRAINING SEASON

Tampa	The Floridan
Clearwater	Fort Harrison
St. Petersburg	Sunset Golf Club
Sarasota	Sarasota Terrace
Orlando	San Juan
Bradenton	Manatee River
New Orleans	Bienville
Birmingham	Tutwiler
Atlanta	Biltmore
Memphis	Peabody
Little Rock	Albert Pike
Nashville	Hermitage
Pittsburgh	Schenley
Chicago	Del Prado

SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

1948

Monday, March 1—Players report
Sunday, March 7—Cincinnati at Tampa
Tuesday, March 9—Yankees at Lakeland
Wednesday, March 10—Phillies at Clearwater
Thursday, March 11—Cincinnati at Lakeland
Friday, March 12—Yankees at St. Petersburg
Saturday, March 13—Phillies at Lakeland
Sunday, March 14—Phillies at Clearwater
Monday, March 15—Cardinals at St. Petersburg
Tuesday, March 16—Braves at Lakeland
Wednesday, March 17—Cardinals at Lakeland
Thursday, March 18—Braves at Bradenton
Friday, March 19—Cincinnati at Lakeland
Saturday, March 20—Red Sox at Sarasota
Sunday, March 21—Washington at Orlando
Monday, March 22—Braves at Lakeland
Tuesday, March 23—Braves at Bradenton
Wednesday, March 24—Red Sox at Lakeland
Thursday, March 25—Yankees at St. Petersburg
Friday, March 26—Cincinnati at Tampa
Saturday, March 27—Washington at Lakeland
Sunday, March 28—Yankees at Lakeland
Monday, March 29—Phillies at Lakeland

* Friday, April 2—New Orleans at New Orleans
Saturday, April 3—New Orleans at New Orleans
Sunday, April 4—New Orleans at New Orleans
* Monday, April 5—Birmingham at Birmingham
Tuesday, April 6—Birmingham at Birmingham
* Wednesday, April 7—Atlanta at Atlanta
Thursday, April 8—Atlanta at Atlanta
* Friday, April 9—Memphis at Memphis
Saturday, April 10—Memphis at Memphis
Sunday, April 11—Memphis at Memphis
Monday, April 12—Little Rock at Little Rock
Tuesday, April 13—Nashville at Nashville
Wednesday, April 14—Nashville at Nashville
Saturday, April 17—Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh
Sunday, April 18—Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh

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* Night Games